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Left to right, Shirley Miller, Alex Gunn, Robert Gunn, and Jerry Miller look over Landrace Boar on the Gunn Farm.

Ontario Swine Producer Visits Pamplin

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Miller and their two sons of Kerwood, Ontario, Canada, have spent the past several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gunn of Pamplin.

The Millers are purebred swine breeders who raise Yorkshires, Hampshires, Duroc and Landrace breeds of hogs.

The Millers farm - Kerridge Acres - is located approximately 30 miles north of Port Huron, Michigan in Southern Ontario. The farm consists of 280 acres and includes about 120 sows and 30-40 head of beef cattle.

Offered for sale on the Miller Farm are purebred boars and gilts, as well as crossbred gilts and crossbred boars. Boars are tested on the farm as well as in government operated testing stations. Production sales are also held on the farm each year.

A special dinner gathering for area swine producers was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Gunn on Monday evening. Attending were pork producers from the Piedmont Area of Virginia and John Parker of the Virginia Pork Commission.

Several interesting points were brought out in informal discussion. Mandating procedures were mentioned and Miller noted that all market hogs are sold on a grade and yield basis in Canada with carcass weight and back fat being the key factors determining prices. This system is, of course, different from those used in Virginia where hogs are evaluated according to weight of live animal.

FINDS BALLOON ON FARM

Mr. Junior W. Pannell of Red House found a balloon which was sent out by Rev. Larry Henderson and the Gospel Baptist Church of 1415 Florida Avenue, Lynchburg, on his farm near Red House.

According to the card on the balloon, the person finding it should mail it in because prizes would be given to the one from the greatest distance. The name on this card was Marcus Mitchell.

HERE'S THE DRILL

If you had to invest in just one tool for your home workshop, most experts agree that the one you should buy is a variable speed drill.

Versatility is the key—like being able to use a wide variety of accessories for power filing, sanding, polishing, as well as using hole saws, counter sinks, screwdriver bits, etc. Further, a reversible drill can remove screws or jammed drill bits.

With a Variable speed drill, you can increase the speed as you tighten your squeeze on the trigger or you can pre-set and lock into a specific speed. This variable speed feature is ideal for drilling in a wide variety of materials—wood, plastic, metal, masonry or glass.

Some extra good news for home workshop enthusiasts is that Rockwell is offering a special Value Pack this Spring, which includes their versatile 1/2 Inch Adjustable Variable Speed Reversing Drill (Model 4250-1) plus their new Model 4900 Electric Engraver—an extra $8.99 value when you purchase the versatile 1/2 inch drill at the manufacturer's list price of $39.99. The Electric Engraver permanently engraves metal, glass, plastic and wood. Use to discourage theft by permanently marking your valuables, remind borrowers where to return tools, prevent property mix-ups, personalize gifts, ideal for home, workshop or office. Replaceable carbide point, adjustable depth of cut, pencil grip design for sure control. U. L. Listed.

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R. E. LEE STUDENTS VISIT POLICE STATION - In an effort to learn more about law enforcement, Mrs. Myrick's class of Robert E. Lee Academy students visited the Sheriff's Department last fall. As a follow up, the class recently toured the Third Division, Virginia State Police Headquarters in Appomattox. Trooper Beamon presented a program on driving with emphasis on drinking and drugs. In the above photo, the classis studying a polygraph test given Sandy Kitchen at the police headquarters.

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The Pastor Speaks

Wednesday, May 31, is the Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this occasion Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth.

Like so many other events this one has very little historical significance but a lot of theological significance.

The Evangelist, in this case St. Luke, write heavily around the birth of Jesus. He and St. Matthew are the only two who did. St. Luke records this visitation story. His being the only one does not negate its authenticity, but it does at least bring it into question. The point, however, is that we are not looking for history. We are looking for the effect Jesus had on the writers and on the infant Church.

After Pentecost when the meaning of Jesus unfolded in the mids of the Apostles they realized that Jesus had been trying to tell them that the Kingdom of God was at hand. They better understood the nature of Jesus and that He was the very embodiment of the Almighty Spirit of Goodness who had lived, taught, and died in their presence. Further, they realized that He had ascended to the highest plain of being - to an at-one-ment with the omniscient Spirit of Goodness. They further concluded that He was sent to them from this same Spirit. And they knew that Jesus, the flesh and blood expression of this Spirit of Goodness, had been conceived by that same Spirit. These men in the Upper Room realized that the Spirit who was minifest in Jesus had come upon themselves, and that this was as the Risen Lord had said.

These men understood the Spirit-empowered Church to be unique and definable.

Just as the Evangelists, working in retrospect, understood and articulated Jesus; so did they about the Church.

Important in understanding the idea of Jesus as Saviour is the concept of the solidarity of humanity. If we think of humanity as reaching for God, then in Jesus there was success. Humanity is given (by the grace of God) THE WAY of Salvation. So in the case of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

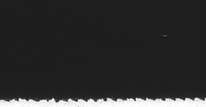
From the Tree of Calvary Jesus addressed Mary who was standing near one of the disciples, "Mother, behold your son." And to the disciple He said, "Behold your mother."

When St. John wrote these words he was writing in the light of the established infant Church, and we hear Jesus say that Mary, His mother, is the mother of the disciple. Pope Paul VI, at the close of the recent Vatican Council, proclaimed as appropriate to Mary the title Mother of the Church. This is not to be construed as her being the the founder of the Church but rather that she is a prototype of the Church. We can study Mary and arrive at some feeling for the nature of the Church.

St. Paul had earlier given us the concept of the Church as the Body of Christ and certainly the body of Jesus issued from the womb of Mary. Mary was chosen. The Church is the agent through whom God continues to come into the world. The Church is chosen. And as the chosen Mary said of herself, "Be it unto me according to thy word"; so the Church must say. Mary freely gives up herself to the working of God's grace and so must the Church.

When Mary visited Elizabeth we find in both Elizabeth's greeting and in the great hymn of the Magnificat the word "Blessed" - "Blessed art thou among women" and . . . from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed." Mary's blessedness foreshadows the blessedness of the Church - not an earthly happiness but a participation in the joyous self-giving of God. This is the lefty vocation of the Church.

The Church which gathers to celebrate our Lord's nativity, Circumcision, Transfiguration, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Ascension is at one and the same time the Christ in the world today taking into that world the Good News of Salvation through word and deed, and the Church is also our Mother who with the Holy Spirit continually begets us, nourishes us, and teaches us to prepare us for our mission of reconciliation.



THE DIVINE LIKENESS

Lesson for June 4, 1978

Background Scripture: Acts 13 through 14.
Devotional Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10.

Two things amaze me as I encounter people throughout the world. One is the amount of skepticism I find—call that "unbelief" if you like—the other is the amount of credulity—or "overbelief."

Rev. Althouse

Some religious observers are calling ours "the age of unbelief." So much has been discarded or discredited that once we held sacred. Churches are losing ground in terms of church membership and the temporal as well as the spiritual power of religion seems to have slipped so greatly.

We also are men

Yet, at the same time I am often amazed at the credulity I find. Some people, it seems, will believe anything they are told. They will follow blindly the leadership of a religious totalitarian leader. They will send their money to religious groups that are scarcely more than a name to them. The field ripest for sheer fraud and exploitation, it seems, is still religion.

This was also the experience sometimes of the early church. There were times when it must have seemed to Paul, for example, that there was absolutely no receptivity to his message of Christ. But there were other times and other places where the response was too much belief instead of too little.

One of these times and places was at Lystra during Paul's first missionary journey. Because he healed a man who had been crippled from birth, the people of Lystra jumped to the conclusion that he and Barnabas were gods who had come to the earth in the form of men.

Paul and Barnabas were shocked and it was only with great effort that they persuaded the Lystrians not to worship them and offer sacrifices. "Men, why are you doing this?" they cried. "We also are men, of like nature with you, and bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to a living God..." (14:15).

You are witnesses

Yes, Paul and Barnabas were men just as the Lystrians were. Yet, there was a difference, too, a difference the Lystrians misinterpreted. They saw the Holy Spirit moving in them and assumed that these two men were gods come to earth. But the "difference" they saw in Paul and Barnabas was not that "gods have come down in the likeness of men," but that in these two men the likeness of God was being made manifest. The promise that Jesus had given his disciples was that they would become God's sons by virtue of his Sonship.

The writer of Genesis was convinced that man was created in God's own image and Jesus displayed perfectly the full extent of that divine image that can be realized in the life of every person.

We have spent enough time casting God in man's likeness. The time has come to let the divine likeness shine forth in man.

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ROCKS

May 29 - Spring is here! Strawberries are ripening now. The birds are watching them and the cherries. The birds may get them first, but we may give them a close race.

Mrs. Rhomy Wilson spent last week with her brother, Aubrey at Evergreen.

John Henry Ranson sprained his foot on Tuesday and was at the doctor's office on Wednesday for a check-up.

A number attended the Southall funeral on Tuesday afternoon at Pamplin. Sympathy goes out to the family.

A large number attended the Cunningham funeral and the Pore funeral at Robinson's Funeral Home on Thursday. Sympathy goes out to these families.

Mr. Leslie Scruggs entered Southside Hospital in Farmville last Saturday for treatments.

Several of the men met down at Old Rocks one afternoon to do some cleaning.

Farmers had a good time saving hay last week. The nice rains make it first class.

Mr. Leslie Scruggs is back home after a weeks stay. He returned Sunday morning.

Mrs. Alice Taylor entered Lynchburg General Hospital Wednesday morning. She was taken by ambulance. Get well wishes goes out to her.

Frank Lee Elder returned home from California Sunday night.

Otis Ranson was rushed to Lynchburg General Hospital on Friday afternoon.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Mildred Richard son, whose funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at Liberty Church with interment in Liberty Church Cemetery.

Evening worship service next Sunday night will be cancelled in favor of the Baccalaureate Service. We will still have Training Union at 6:30 Sunday night, June 4.

Bible School time is fast approaching. It begins June 19 and goes through 23.

The Tommy Sesler Crusade will continue at Appomattox on June 5th. Be in prayer for the work God has begun in our area. Over 300 decisions were made with 68 accepting Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Mike Moore of Victoria, Texas is spending a short while with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore of Pamplin before going to Kentucky.

Mrs. Alice Taylor returned home Sunday afternoon from the hospital.

The Rocks Homemakers will have charge of the Blood Canteen at Liberty Church on Tuesday. 150 pts. is the quota.

Farmers have started planting tobacco.

COMMUNITY SENIOR 4-H NEWS

The Community Senior 4-H Club met May 15 in the Appomattox Extension Office at 7:30 p.m. Old business was discussed of the raffle for a TV on April. A Dance-A'Thon was held at the Appomattox Middle School on May 13 to raise money for the cancer fund. A car wash was held May 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Farmer's Branch Bank to raise money for the club. The June Dairy Month Poster contest. ends June 1, so those 4-H'ers participating please have your posters in by this date. A dog show will be held at the end of May at the Appomattox Middle School, so bring out your dog and show it off. The Community Senior 4-H Club will be on Klassroom Kwiz, June 5, so help support this club by watching and cheering for the contestants.

4-H is always full of fun and excitement!

Wendy Lee, Reporter

PAMPLIN

Our sympathy extended to the families of Mrs. Robert Fore and Mr. Milton Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. Ren Speers of Orlando, Fla., are visiting relatives.

Visitors in town for Memorial Day week end were: Mrs. W. B. Williams of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Inge, Jr.; Earleysville, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Neeley, Danville, Virginia; Miss Donna Smith, Miss Elizabeth Farrar of Richmond.

Mrs. C. R. Dickman of Rogers, Arkansas arrived this week to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Inge. Mr. Inge is a patient in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cobb, Jr. and sons Steve and Tom spent the holiday week end in Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina.

Mrs. C. W. Slayton guest over the week end were Mrs. Mildred Dalton and son Kevin of Oxon Hill Md., Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton, jr. and son Alec and daughter Sonya, Charlotte, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. Buck Young and son Stephen, Roanoke and Mrs. Florence Rigney, Martinsville.

Mrs. Patrick Estes of Virginia Beach is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McDearmon Farrar.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MENU

June 1
Submarine Sandwich w/Cheese - Turkey - Lunch Meat - Lettuce - Seasoned Green Beans - Fruit Cup - Cookies - Milk
June 2
Oven Baked Battered Fish w/Catsup - Turnip Greens - Creamed Potatoes - Hot Rolls - Pear Halves - Milk
June 5
Hamburger on Bun - Bu Broccoli - Whipped Potatoes - Strawberrie Short Cake - Milk
June 6
Hot Dog on Bun w/Chili - Pork & Beans - Potato Chips - Banana Pudding - Orange Juice - Milk
June 7
Chuckwagon Steak w/Gravy - Macaroni & Cheese - Green Beans - Hot Rolls - Fruit Cup - Cookies - Milk
June 8
Cheese Pizza w/Beef - Garden Salad w/French Dressing - Seasoned Carrots - Sliced Peaches - Milk
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